भी इस पर कार्यवाही लंबित है; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में शीघ्र टेलीफोन लाइन उपलब्ध कराए जाने और एस टी डी और आई एस डी सेवाएं आरंभ किए जाने हेतु किए जाने वाले उपायों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

संचार मंत्री (श्री बेनी प्रसाद वर्मा): (क) से (ग) सिंगरौली, वलूण तथा देवसार में आई एस डी/एस टी डी सुविधा पहले से ही उपलब्ध है। 1997-98 के दौरान यह सुविधा चित्रंगी तथा कुसुमी में भी प्रदान करने की योजना है। बशर्ते कि संसाधन उपलब्ध हों।

Electronic Telephone exchan,, Uttar Pradesh

2588. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to open new Electronic Telephone Exchanges in Uttar Pradesh during 1997-98;

(b) if so, the places identified for the purpose; and

(c) the number out of them are likely to be set up in District Bulandshahar and Lucknow and the details of places identified in these two districts?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) to (c) Commissioning programme for 1997-98 has not yet been finalised.

Post and Telegraph office in North Eastern States

2589. DR. B.B DUTTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in North-Eastern States without post and telegraph offices by the end of the year 1995-96 and till date, State-wise;

(b) the number of villages in the above States having different categories of post offices and telegraph offices at present, State-wise; and

(c) the category-wise number of post offices and telegraph offices proposed to be set up during the year 1997-98, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) The information is furnished in statement-I. (*see* below).

(b) The information is given in statement-II. (*see* below).

(c) The Post Offices are opened on the norm based justification subject to availability of resources and allocation of Plan targets. The Circle-wise and State-wise allocation of 9th Plan targets is yet to be finalised. The information regarding Telegraph offices is as under:

S.No.	State	(Category-wise)	
1.	Arunachal Pradesh		Nil
2.	Manipur	Telecom Centre	1
3.	Meghalaya	D.T.O.	1
4.	Mizoram	D.T.O.	1
	Nagaland	Telecom Centre	1
5.	Nagaland		Nil
6.	Tripura	Telecom Centre	1

Statement-I

The details of number of villages State-wise without Post and Telegraph Offices by the end of the year 1995-96 and till date:

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Without Post Offices		Without Telegraph Offices
		1995-96	1996-97 till date	1995-96 and till date
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	3379	3379	3584
2.	Manipur	1364	1364	2350
3.	Meghalaya	5044	5044	5558
4.	Mizoram	348	347	764
5.	Nagaland	936	935	1170
6.	Tripura	204	204	802

Statement-II

The details of the number of villages in the States having different categories of Post Offices and Telegraph Offices at present:

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of rural Post Offices in the States				Post Offices with tele-graph facilities in villages	No. of villages having telegraph offices (combined offices only)
		HO	SO	EDBO	EDSO		
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	32	238	—	12	15
2.	Manipur	—	18	618	—	Nil	44
3.	Meghalaya	—	35	412	—	76	71
4.	Mizoram	—	27	321	2	Nil	6
5.	Nagaland	—	26	254	—	23	22
6.	Tripura	—	54	585	12	29	60